

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25-30 are pending in the current application. Claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23 and 24 are canceled. Claims 26-30 are newly added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Examiner asserts the limitations in claim 1 relating to a second area storing a playlist and clip information are not supported by Applicants' specification. Claim 1 has been amended. Applicants respectfully submit claim 1, as amended, is supported by at least FIG. 4 and paragraphs [0023] and [0035] of Applicants' originally filed application.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okada (US 2004/0057700, hereinafter "Okada") in view of Saeki (US 2001/0043790, hereinafter "Saeki").

Claim 1 has been amended and now recites: "a playlist area storing a playlist file, the playlist file including at least one playitem and at least one sub-playitem, the playitem indicating in-point and out-point of the first clip stream file to reproduce the still image and providing display mode indicating whether to display the still image for one of a finite and an infinite period of time, the sub-playitem indicating in-point and out-point of the second clip stream file to reproduce the audio data". Applicants

respectfully submit neither Okada nor Saeki, alone or in combination, teach each of the limitations of claim 1 as is required to support a rejection of claim under §103.

Applicants note the Examiner appears to identify the playlist illustrated in FIG. 4 and briefly discussed in paragraph [0212] of Okada as teaching the playlist recited in claim 1. However, Okada does not appear to teach a playitem associated with the playlist illustrated in FIG. 4 of Okada that indicates an in-point and out-point of a first clip stream file to reproduce a still image, and provides a display mode indicating whether to display the still image for one of a finite and an infinite period of time as claim 1 requires. Further, Okada does not appear to teach a sub-playitem associated with the playlist illustrated in FIG. 4 of Okada that indicates an in-point and out-point of a second clip stream file to reproduce the audio data. Saeki likewise does not appear to teach either the playitem or sub-playitem recited in claim 1. For at least these reasons, neither Okada nor Saeki, alone or in combination, teach each of the limitations of claim 1, or any claims depending from claim, as is required to support a rejection under §103.

Further, claims 6-9 contain limitations at least somewhat similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, at least by virtue of the similarity of claims 1 and 6-9, neither Okada nor Saeki, alone or in combination, teach each of the limitations of any of claims 6-9, or any claims depending from claims 6-9, as is required to support a rejection under §103.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

New Claims

Claims 26-30 have been added. Claims 26-30 depend from claims 1 and 6-9, respectively. For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants believe claims 1 and 6-9 to be allowable over the present art. Accordingly, Applicants believe claims 26-30 to be allowable over the present art.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25-30 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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